

# Uranium Mining Boon on Nuclear Proliferation



Nuclear proliferation was reviewed to have ended along with the great wars. When the bomb hit Hiroshima and Nagasaki 70 years ago, it was the last that we have known of nuclear threats. Since we have already known what the impact of nuclear bomb is, we might have already prevented its manufacture. But have we really learned our lesson? Or was the first and only nuclear attack as of yet only excited other countries on the power it brings? Nuclear power has been a political issue from the start of time. It is no longer a secret that the countries which once promised to only build nuclear plant and uranium mining for energy conservation purposes are already nursing nuclear bombs. Iraq and North Korea managed to develop clandestine nuclear weapons programs under the guise of “peaceful” nuclear energy, only for their weapons programs to be discovered later. And now, the country which vowed to dissuade any use of nuclear is already taking their words back. Japan, the only country to experience the first and only atomic attack in two of its cities, losing thousands of lives in the process is restarting its nuclear plant despite the most recent malfunction of Fukushima power plant which also affected millions of people around the country. Millions of businesses have also been in debt from Yokohama to Tokyo which until now aren’t able to get back to its feet. Carlton Church International, along with The Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom opposes the use of nuclear energy. Along with other non-profit organizations campaigning on the total abolition of any use of nuclear matter, we reach out with more warnings. It may be too late soon enough to get back.

Even when the real purpose of uranium would be for energy conservation, it still poses a lot of threats to everyone. Uranium is extracted from underground and open pit mines. For every ton of uranium oxide produced, thousands of tons of wastes, or tailings, are left behind. Often the tailings are simply dumped on the land near the mine and left to the effects of the elements. Wind carries radon gas and radioactive dust from these tailings for many miles. Contaminated rainwater enters the soil, the watershed, and, eventually, the food chain, endangering the health of people, animals, and the planet. Uranium mining on indigenous and tribal peoples' lands has devastated local communities and environments in North America, Australia, Africa, and Asia.

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